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Ms. Carol Hanlon  
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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

I have worked at a commercial Nuclear Power Plant for the last 26 years, prior to that I spent 6 years in the Nuclear Navy. During this time I have watched the Spent Fuel Disposal Issue languish while the spent fuel continues to build up in our spent fuel pools at the stations. The industry has spent billions of dollars to get a satisfactory site made available to safely store this spent fuel and we are finally getting close to a solution. We can't stop now.

1 I am writing to ask that the Department of Energy recommend to President George Bush that the site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada be designated the national repository for high-level radioactive waste and spent fuel.

2 Many years of effort have been spent on siting a national disposal facility and the Department has identified a suitable location. Storing high-level radioactive waste at one location is a better option than continuing to accumulate spent nuclear fuel at more than 70 sites throughout the nation.

3 The nuclear industry has been handling, storing and transporting spent nuclear fuel for years and the containers used for these purposes have been designed and built to specifications that can withstand extreme conditions. These containers have been put through exhaustive testing and have an outstanding record of safety and performance.

The National Academy of Sciences recently affirmed that the geologic disposal is the only scientifically and technically credible solution to the high-level radioactive waste storage issue. The scientific evidence concludes that Yucca Mountain meets or exceeds the criteria for this type of facility.

For these reasons, I urge the Department to recommend the Yucca Mountain site to the President.

Sincerely,

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